

A beautiful Spring day is a great time to see some art. You could visit a museum but Downtown Madisonville has something different. Scattered around the area are seven large murals, all forming a trail through downtown. Start up at Houston Park to see the first mural (look for the cinderblock building with a red roof at the center of the park) then head down to 186 Warren Street, just next to the police department. From there, you'll head west along Warren and Locust streets to see the next few murals, then back east to Tellico Street, ending your tour at the R. Beecher Witt Judicial Building to see the murals honoring our veterans. The trail is roughly a mile long on sidewalks with a mix of flat and hilly areas. There are some areas where you'll have to walk on the side of the road, so please be extremely careful. Visitors with disabilities may find sections of this trail difficult.

Downtown Sweetwater features several large murals which are great to visit year round, but when the flowers start blooming in Spring, the natural beauty of the flowers and the artistic beauty of the murals complement each other perfectly. The Duck Park has plenty of greenery and even has a mural near the start of the trail. From there, you'll want to head northwest to the giant orange and white Sweetwater mural at The Lazy Beagle at 144 Monroe Street. Look up to see the second-floor mural of a beagle. From there, you'll want to go up Main Street to the Hurrah! Vote mural by Jenny Ustick which celebrates Sweetwater's role in the history of women's suffrage. Across the street is the historic gazebo and Train Car which features a small park. Next you'll head northwest to 120 Morris Street to see the mural This Girl Can by Kim Radford. The trail is very short at less than half a mile and is mostly on flat sidewalks so this is very accessible though there is no sidewalk connecting the Duck Park and Main Street. Visitors with disabilities may want to skip the Duck Park and start the trail at 144 Monroe Street. Use the map below to navigate. Click "More Options" in the top-left corner to open the full map.